GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BANGLADESHI MIGRANTS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bangladeshi illegal migrants staying in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) whether a conference of the State Chief Secretaries and Director General of Police was held recently to tackle the problems of illegal Bangladeshi migrants;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the suggestions made by the participants threat to tackle the problem; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this connection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): It is difficult to make any exact estimate of the number of Bangladeshi illegal migrants because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) & (c): A Conference of Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police on internal security washeld on 28.6.2000. The Conference has inter-alia recommended :-

Strengthening of administration, policing and intelligence machinery in the border areas.

(d): A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These include raising of additional Battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also been directed to enforce the provisions of Foreigners Act, 1946 (IMDT Act 1983 in case of Assam) strictly.